

Claims.

- 1.(currently amended) A motor vehicle side fender having a skin separating an inside and an outside of the fender, the outside of the fender being intended to be visible from outside the vehicle, wherein the skin possesses a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside towards the outside of the fender.
- 2.(currently amended) The side fender of claim 1, ~~made~~ consisting of plastics material.
- 3.(canceled).
- 4.(canceled).
- 5.(currently amended) ~~A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender,~~ The motor vehicle side fender of claim 1, wherein the breakable zone comprises a shallow groove.
- 6.(previously presented) The side fender of claim 5, wherein the inside face of the fender includes the groove and the outside face of the fender is uniform including over the groove.
- 7.(currently amended) ~~A motor vehicle side fender comprising a skin separating an inside face and an outside face of the fender, the skin includes a breakable zone suitable for opening when subjected to thrust from the inside face towards the outside face of the fender,~~ The motor vehicle side fender of claim 1, wherein the breakable zone is substantially rectangular.
- 8.(currently amended) ~~The fender according to claim 1, in which~~ A side fender for a motor vehicle comprising a skin separating an inside and an outside of the fender,

wherein the skin includes a breakable zone that opens when subjected to thrust from the inside towards the outside of the fender, and the inside of the fender includes an airbag housing situated in register with the breakable zone.

- 9.(previously presented) The fender according to claim 8, in which the airbag housing is integrally molded with the fender and the fender consists essentially of plastics material.